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4 SEIZED IN ITALY ARE CALLED SPIES

Soviet Commercial Official
Believed Linked to Them

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ROME, Oct. 6—Four men, two of them Italian Government employees, have been arrested on charges of spying for the Soviet Union, police sources disclosed today.

A fifth man, a member of the commercial section of the Soviet Embassy in Rome, was also implicated, these sources said.

The two Government employees were identified as Ardens Polastri, an operator of duplicating machines in the Foreign Ministry's department of economic affairs, and Aurelio Pasquali, an archivist in the Defense Ministry who has been

working at the Foreign Ministry.

The two others, identified as L. Quarantelli and A. Catena, both salesmen, were reported to have been also charged with trading illegally with Russia.

According to the police sources, Mr. Quarantelli was arrested in a street near the Foreign Ministry last Thursday after he had met Mr. Polastri. The Quarantelli was carrying some official documents, the sources said.

They added that the Russian had also been expected at the meeting, but that, as he approached the two men on the street, he had become suspicious, turned and fled.

The documents were identified by Foreign Ministry sources as "normal administrative papers."

The sources said the documents had included such papers as organizational tables of the Common Market and other European organizations, including the names of Italians in their executive branches.

The possibility that documents of the North Atlantic

Treaty Organization were involved could not be officially confirmed or denied tonight.

Sources said that the first indication that documents were being taken came six months ago when it was noticed that the ministry had been paying for more copies than the number ordered. Mr. Polastri was then placed under surveillance, the sources said.

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